

Comments RE: ET 04-37, Broadband Over Power lines (BPL)

As President of the South Orange Amateur Radio Association, with a membership of approximately 150 FCC licensed Amateur Radio Operators, The Association Board of Directors has directed me to file the following comments.

The Association has polled the general membership, and each and every member's comment has expressed deep concerns about the very real possibilities of severe interference to the amateur allocated High Frequency (HF) bands. The concerns are based in fact on the information that, In every industrialized nation in the world where BPL systems have been activated for testing, the responsible governmental agencies having jurisdiction in their respective nations have terminated the tests early because of the severe HF interference caused by the BPL systems and technology.

While, as individuals with strong interest in, and knowledge of modern electronic and communications technologies, we Amateur Radio licensees applaud efforts to bring modern highspeed information and data services to all areas of our nation, we are very concerned that other communications technologies may be severely and adversely impacted by the currently proposed BPL technology. Further, we are greatly concerned that amateurs might be at a distinct disadvantage in locating, identifying, and reporting interference from BPL, and getting the commercial interests with much greater financial resources to comply with Part 15 requirements. We urge you to carefully build in real enforceable interference safeguards for all HF users into the BPL rules.

Sincerely,  
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